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PRESS RELEASE

Grand Re-Opening of North Shore Park Bandshell

-- Miami Beach's Historic Outdoor Cultural Facility Restored --

Miami Beach, FL – Once again, musical and theatrical presentations will take life at the North Shore Park Bandshell. The City of Miami Beach will celebrate the reopening of this historical facility on Friday, September 9, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. with a ceremony and free movie.

The Office of Capital Improvement Projects and the Parks and Recreation Department collaborated in the magnificent historic restoration of the MiMo-inspired outdoor amphitheater, valued at almost \$1 million. The project was completed \$50,000 under budget.

"This facility is a centerpiece of North Beach, and certainly serves as an economic driver by attracting residents and visitors to enjoy spectacular performances and movies, and gives our local businesses the opportunity to draw in those crowds afterward," said City Manager Jorge Gonzalez. "The cultural vitality that the bandshell brings to our residents and visitors is at the core of the City's vision – to be a cultural and entertainment capital."

The restoration project included structural repairs, ADA improvements to backstage area and restrooms, expansion of backstage facilities, installation of special acoustical plaster for enhanced outdoor acoustics, new HVAC system, electrical system upgrades, theatrical lighting, stage extension, accent lighting of main architectural features and more.

As part of the celebration and immediately following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the Parks & Recreation Department will host their September "Movie in the Park" beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m. Join our community in a night of fun and entertainment. Admission is free and concessions will be sold. For movie title, visit www.miamibeachparks.com

The North Shore Park Bandshell is located at 7275 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach.

Look for future events and other Miami Beach Parks and Recreation programming, visit www.miamibeachparks.com, check out Recreation Review, or call 305.673.7730.

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